

of Staff or Administrative Assistant. Committee Sensitive documents that are provided to a Member of the Senate who is the subject of a preliminary inquiry, an initial review, or an investigation, shall be hand delivered to the Member or to his or her specifically designated representative.

(4) Any Member of the Senate who is not a member of the Committee and who seeks access to any Committee Sensitive or classified documents or materials, other than documents or materials which are matters of public record, shall request access in writing. The Committee shall decide by majority vote whether to make documents or materials available. If access is granted, the Member shall not disclose the information except as authorized by the Committee.

(5) Whenever the Committee makes Committee Sensitive or classified documents or materials available to any Member of the Senate who is not a member of the Committee, or to a staff person of a Committee member in response to a specific request to the Chairman and Vice Chairman, a written record shall be made identifying the Member of the Senate requesting such documents or materials and describing what was made available and to whom.

Rule 14:

(c) Ruling: The Committee shall rule on a waiver request by recorded vote, with a majority of those voting affirming the decision. With respect to an individual's request for a waiver in connection with the acceptance or reporting the value of gifts on the occasion of the individual's marriage, however, the Chairman and the Vice Chairman, acting jointly, may rule on the waiver request.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. ANITA JONES

● Mr. ROBB. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the professional dedication, vision and public service of Dr. Anita K. Jones who is completing her appointment, after 4 years, as the Director of Defense Research and Engineering [DDR&E]. A native of Texas, and longtime Virginia resident, Dr. Jones is one of this country's pre-eminent information technology experts and a pioneer for women in science and engineering career fields everywhere. Prior to coming to the Department of Defense, she was the chair of the department of computer science at the University of Virginia. As DDR&E, she serves in one of the Nation's top technical positions and oversees the largest defense research and development organization in the world.

Her strong support for, and oversight of, the multibillion-dollar Defense Science and Technology [S&T] Program dramatically improved the warfighting capabilities and readiness of our Nation's military forces both today and well into the future. Dr. Jones spearheaded the implementation of a new structured planning process which aligns technology research and development more directly with critical warfighting and national security priorities. Through strong leadership, she brought the technology and operational military communities together to design detailed plans to sustain U.S. dominance on the battlefield into the next century.

In addition, Dr. Jones focused the Department of Defense S&T Program to

ensure military and national pre-eminence in several strategic technologies with both military and commercial application such as information technology, high-performance computing, advanced electronics, materials and modeling and simulation. Her active outreach within the Department of Defense expanded greatly the scope of the Defense S&T Program and the speed and ease at which technology is developed and transitioned into our warfighting arsenal and support infrastructure. Furthermore, her direct support of pervasive technologies such as high end computing and semiconductors resulted in breakthroughs across a wide spectrum of applications, both military and civilian, such as modeling of geophysical phenomenon, aerodynamics and process flow, which contributed directly to our Nation's ability to execute a record number of peacekeeping and military operations without the loss of a single life due to combat.

Dr. Jones' awards include the Department of Defense Award for Distinguished Public Service and the Meritorious Civilian Service Award. She has served on several Government advisory boards and scientific review panels such as the Defense Science Board, Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, the National Research Council, and the National Science Foundation. She is a member of the National Academy of Engineers and is a fellow of the Association of Computing Machinery and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

I know that Dr. Jones' husband, William A. Wulf, and her daughters, Karin and Ellen, are proud of her many accomplishments, and so is the Nation. Her distinguished service will be genuinely missed in the Department of Defense, and all of us who know her wish her every success as she returns to the University of Virginia.●

LOAN INTEREST FORGIVENESS FOR EDUCATION ACT

● Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, it was with great pleasure that on April 15, Tax Day, I joined with Senators GRASSLEY and MOSELEY-BRAUN in cosponsoring the Loan Interest Forgiveness for Education Act, S. 573.

With Americans scrambling last week to get their tax returns filed, this bill offers a bit of relief for students who rely on loans to pay their higher education bills. This legislation will restore the tax deduction for student loan interest, with eligibility for the deduction phased out for taxpayers with incomes between \$65,000 and \$85,000 (single returns) and \$85,000 and \$105,000 (joint returns). This modest step will take some of the sting out of repaying student loans.

A college degree is more important in today's job market than it has ever been. At the same time, education costs continue to rise and the average debt of graduates is at record levels. On

top of that, the tax burden has increased, putting a serious strain on college graduates as they work to pay off their loans and interest and still get ahead in the job market.

Let us give student loan recipients a tax break. Let us send a message about the importance of student loans and higher education. This is a sound investment in our Nation's future.●

HONORING FRED VANDERVEEN OF SALISBURY, MD

● Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a very special American, Mr. Fred Vanderveen, of Salisbury, MD. I am proud to say that Mr. Vanderveen is the 1997 winner of the National Heroes Award from the Sporting Goods Manufacturer's Association. This prestigious award is given each year to three individuals who make outstanding and unique humanitarian contributions to local sports programs throughout the Nation.

Fred Vanderveen is a full-time high school biology teacher. But the classroom is only one area where Mr. Vanderveen is preparing our children for the future. He knows that developing the health and fitness of our children's bodies is as important as developing their minds. He also knows that kids need a safe place to go where they can have positive experiences, where they will be among friends, and where they will feel important. So he invested his life's savings in a sports and training facility called Youth Exercise Services. His facility is designed to meet the needs of mentally and physically handicapped athletes, at-risk youths, and anyone who will say no to drugs and yes to exercise.

Mr. Vanderveen takes to his playing field at Youth Exercise Services the same way I take to the Senate floor: mission-driven, determined, and unwilling to lose. Through his dedication and hard work, the kids he touches learn that they don't have to lose either. Whether they are handicapped, at-risk, or just looking for a positive after school environment, they've got the chance to come out winners because Fred Vanderveen cares about each and every one of them.

Mr. President, I want to give my warmest congratulations to Mr. Vanderveen, and to the kids whose lives he helps make better. His 1997 Heroes Award is richly deserved, and the State of Maryland is proud to call him one of our own.●

TRIBUTE TO JANE McCAFFERY FOR WINNING THE CONTINENTAL CABLEVISION'S 1997 NATIONAL EDUCATOR AWARD

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Jane McCaffery, a teacher at Lincoln Street School and Main Street School in Exeter, NH, on receiving the Continental Cablevision's 1997 National Educator Award.